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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION AUGUST 12 ON FLANK SECURITY

REF: A) USNATO 4277; B) STATE 175188; C) USNATO 4122

1. SPC ON AUGUST 12 DISCUSSED FLANK SECURITY. ACTING CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM)

LED OFF DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT SENTIMENT WHICH HAD DEVELOPED AT  
RECENT MEETINGS FOR SEPARATING THE FLANK ISSUE FROM THE WESTERNMILITARY

DISTRICTS ISSUE, I.E. FOR COMPLETING WORK ON A FORMULATION FOR THE  
FLANKS IN ADVANCE OF WORK ON GENERAL NON-CIRCUMVENTION.

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2. DANISH REP (VILLADSEN) WAS CONCERNED THAT SEPARATING THE TWO  
ISSUES MIGHT LEAD OTHER SIDE TO THINK NATO ATTACHED LITTLE IMPORTANCE  
TO WMD PROBLEM. DENMARK WAS ATTRACTED TO BELGIAN FORMULATION AS AN  
ATTEMPT TO COVER THE TWO PROBLEMS TOGETHER. DENMARK COULD ALSO ACCEPT

ITALIAN IDEA (PARA 9, REF A) OF MODIFYING BELGIAN FORMULATION TO DEFINE PRECISELY THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS CONCERNED. BELGIAN REP (BURNY) OBJECTED TO THIS IDEA ON GROUNDS BELGIAN FORMULATION WAS A COMPROMISE, AND SOME COUNTRIES COULD SIMPLY NOT ACCEPT SPECIFYING GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS. IF WE SPECIFY AREAS IN THE EAST WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO IN THE WEST.

3. U.S. REF SUPPORTED BELGIAN CHAPEAU SENTENCE AND FORMULATION (LESS "DIRECTLY OF INDIRECTLY"), MAKING POINTS IN REFTEL B. BELGIAN REP AGREED WITH U.S. THAT THERE WAS NO COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME ABOUT FORM AND PLACEMENT OF PROVISIONS IN TREATY. NETHERLANDS REP (SIZOO) REGRETTED THAT U.S. WANTED TO DELETE DUTCH BRACKETED LANGUAGE ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION, AND SAID THAT AS LONG AS THE U.S. AND FRG NOT WILLING TO DISCUSS NON-CIRCUMVENTION CLAUSE, DUTCH WILL WANT TO LINK FLANK AND WMB ISSUES.

4. NORWAY (SELMER) SAID NORWAY CAN AGREE TO FORMULA DEALING ONLY WITH FLANKS, BUT IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE IS WILLING TO SUPPORT A FORMULA LINKING FLANKS AND WMD'S. TURKEY (YALIM ERALP) THOUGHT GERMAN PROPOSAL (LIMITED TO FLANKS ONLY) AN IMPROVEMENT ON DUTCH PROPOSAL, BUT BELGIAN FORMULA BETTER STILL. TURKEY APPROVES BELGIAN "CHAPEAU" SENTENCE, BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THIS WOULD PERMIT DELETION OF "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY."

5. GERMANY (RATZAU) REITERATED FRG OPPOSITION, FIRST ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK, TO LINKING THE FLANK ISSUE AND WMD'S AND RECALLED FRG'S OWN FORMULATION. HOWEVER, HE HAD THE IMPRESSION OF A DEVELOPING CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF BELGIAN FORMULA. IF A MAJORITY MOVES IN THIS DIRECTION, FRG WILL RECONSIDER. HE SUGGESTED AN ALTERNATIVE FRG PROPOSAL, WITHOUT WITHDRAWING FORMULATION OF LAST WEEK: IN DUTCH FORMULATION, CHANGE "THEIR FORCES" TO "SUCH FORCES" (I.E. WITHDRAWN FORCES ONLY), AND CHANGE "REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION" TO "REFRAIN FROM ANY PERMANENT REDEPLOYMENT OF WITHDRAWN FORCES." NETHERLANDS REP POINTED OUT THIS STILL DROPPED THE NON-CIRCUMVENTION ELEMENT. FRG REP REITERATED THAT SPC CANNOT DECIDE NON-CIRCUMVENTION AT THIS TIME SINCE THIS IS A BROAD ISSUE DEPENDING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT.

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6. COMMENT: TURKISH REP TOLD US IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION HE NOW SEES BELGIAN FORMULATION AS BEST CHANCE FOR AHG TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO WP ON FLANK SECURITY AT FALL SESSION. HE HAS RECOMMENDED TO ANKARA THAT GOT AGREE TO DROP "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY" AND GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO BELGIAN FORMULATION. GREEK REP, WHO NOW SUPPORTS SPLITTING OF FLANK AND WMD ISSUES, IS AS YET UNINSTRUCTED ON BELGIAN CHAPEAU AND CORMULATION.

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